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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

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1. FONMIN GULDBERG PLANS TO ATTEND SPEICAL SESSION, AS HEAD DANISH DELEGATION, FOR TWO DAYS. TIMING WILL DEPEND ON WHETHER HE IS ABLE TO OBTAIN SPEAKING TIME APRIL 17 OR TAKE ALTERNATE APRIL 10. MOGENS KNUD ISAKSEN, DEPARTMENT CHIEF, FONOFF, WILL BE DEPUTY CHIEF OF DANISH DELEGATION. REMAINDER (PROBABLY ONLY 3 OR 4) REMAIN TO BE PICKED.

2. ECONOFF MET WITH ISAKSEN MARCH 26 AT LATTER'S REQUEST TO REVIEW RESPECTIVE POSITIONS ON SPECIAL SESSION. ECONOFF UTILIZED PERTINENT PORTIONS REF A, INCLUDING US VIEWS ON DISCUSSION OF ENERGY QUESTION IN WHICH ISAKSEN EXPRESSED STRONG INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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EST. HE THOUGHT IT LIKELY THAT ENERGY WILL

BE AN IMPORTANT DISCUSSION ITEM AT MEETING AND THAT IT COULD WELL BE DIVISIVE FACTOR AMONG LDCS. WE MADE POINT THAT WE WOULD WANT TO AVOID ANY IMPLICATION THAT WE WERE ENCOURAGING SUCH SPLIT BUT AGREED THAT ISSUE IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD NOT BE AVOIDED. REGARDING CHEYSSON PROPOSAL (REF B), ISAKSEN WOULD HAVE NO VIEWS ON ITS APPROPRIATENESS FOR SPECIAL SESSION UNTIL IT IS OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTED TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. ISAKSEN SAID DENMARK AGREES WITH GENERAL US VIEWS THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO AVOID CONTENTIOUS CONFRONTATION, ATTEMPT TO BUILD BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MUTUAL PROBLEMS AND AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERTAKEN. BUT, FROM WHAT HAS SO FAR BEEN HEARD FOR GROUP OF 77, HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE DIFFICULT. DANES HAVE NOT YET PREPARED ANY SUBSTANTIVE POSITIONS, PREFERRING TO WAIT UNTIL AGENDA IS MORE CLEAR. BIGGEST PROBLEM FOR THE PRESENT IS DETERMINATION OF DELEGATION COMPOSITION.

4. COMMENT. ISAKSEN APPEARED BOTH HARASSED AND UNCERTAIN ABOUT WHAT HE SHOULD DO IN PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL SESSION. AS OLD UN HAND, HE ADMITTED WEARINESS WITH MERE THOUGHT OF LENGTHY TALK SESSION FROM WHICH BEST OUTCOME WOULD BE NO ACTION. CLEARLY, DANES ARE NOT APPROACHING UPCOMING SPECIAL SESSION WITH ENTHUSIASM. CROWE

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